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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : NICHOLAS CHIRGADZE

For : USE OF STREPTOCOCCUS

PNEUMONIAE ACYL CARRIER PROTEIN SYNTHASE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE IN DIAGNOSTICS, ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG DESIGN,

AND BIOSENSORS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP RESPONSE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, requiring an election to the Restriction Requirement, applicant elects without traverse, Group I which includes

Claims 1-14, 20, and 29-31, which are drawn to a crystal of Strep. Pneumoniae Acyl Carrier Protein Synthase classified in class 530, subclass 350.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims in the application are in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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